Husch Blackwell Beats Suit Alleging It Tried to Silence Critic of Wealthy Client

News

A Missouri ruling is likely to end a contentious nine-year dispute between a local activist who claims that Husch Blackwell LLP, an AmLaw 100 firm – used the legal system to squelch his speech rights, according to Bloomberg Law.

Texas Anti-SLAPP Statute Used in Oil & Gas Lease Dispute

News

The case involves the dispute over whether a petroleum company's oil and gas lease had expired.

Software Deliverables and Damage Provisions Must Be in Agreement

Insight

One of a court's most frequent tasks is interpreting ambiguous contracts created by the use of ambiguous language in

contracts; however, by the time a court is deciding the issue, costly litigation may have taken years, according to Holland & Knight.

5th Circuit Nixes $151M J&J Verdict, Cites Plaintiff Lawyer's Alleged 'Deceptions'

News

DePuy Orthopaedics and Johnson & Johnson will get a new trial after the previous one in 2016 ended with the companies having to pay $151 million in damages to five plaintiffs with alleged hip replacement injuries, reports the *SE Texas Record*.

Is the DNC's Lawsuit against Russia DOA?

News

Dallas attorney David Coale of Lynn Pinker Cox & Hurst says the lawsuit has a lot of interesting points, but doesn't think it will survive long-term judicial scrutiny.

Could Be Forced to Pay Billions Over Alleged Violations of Illinois Biometrics Law

News

Facebook has argued that if its collection of biometric information did not harm individuals, they do not have grounds to sue under Illinois' biometrics law, according to the *Chicago Tribune*.

Judge Says No to Law Firm on NFL Concussion Settlement

News

The Associated Press reports that a federal judge has denied a law firm's request to be added as an administrator of the NFL's estimated $1 billion concussion settlement.

Trump Alleged Scandals Turn a Harsh Spotlight on This

Beverly Hills Lawyer

News

Keith M. Davidson’s niche is extracting money from celebrities for clients threatening to release sex tapes or share embarrassing stories with the media, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Sandy Hook Parents Accuse Alex Jones, InfoWars of Defamation, Seek Damages

News

Plaintiffs in two lawsuits filed in Austin, Texas, allege that Jones and his media organization spread false information related to the tragedy, reports the *Austin Statesman*.

Ward, Smith & Hill Helps Secure $502.6M Patent Infringement Win Against Apple

News

A jury has awarded internet security software company VirnetX

$502.6 million, finding Apple Inc. willfully infringed on four patents used for VPN on Demand and Facetime in Apple products.

Pennsylvania, Texas Courts Disagree on Whether Rule of Capture Applies to Fracturing

Insight

A recent Superior Court of Pennsylvania ruling in a case concerning hydraulic fracturing runs counter to a ruling in a similar case by the Texas Supreme Court, reports Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody.

PwC Faces Largest-Ever Auditor Malpractice Damages Verdict

News

The judge in the case has already ruled that PwC had been professionally negligent in not detecting the criminal fraud that led to the failure of Colonial Bank Group in 2009.

JPMorgan Juror Says Doomed $8 Billion Award Was Message to Bank

News

Bloomber reports that the jury award was the largest of 2017 and the ninth-largest in U.S. history.

Target Pays $3.7M to Settle Lawsuit Over Racial Disparity in Use of Criminal Background Checks

News

As part of the settlement of the class-action complaint, independent consultants will recommend changes to Target's current screening guidelines, *The Minneapolis Star Tribune* reports.

Facebook Privacy Scandal

Unleashes Nationwide ‘Litigation Swarm’

News

Damages could be substantial for shareholders, with one group of investors estimating that at least $50 billion in the company’s market capitalization has been wiped out as a result of the disclosure, Bloomberg Technology reports.

Holland & Knight Wins Reversal of $34.5M Malpractice Verdict

News

A wealthy investor who accused Holland & Knight of facilitating a Ponzi scheme was not entitled to the $34.5 million verdict that a jury awarded him in 2012, a California appeals court ruled.

Judge Dismisses Exxon’s Lawsuit, Letting Multi-State

Fraud Investigation Continue

News

A U.S. district judge in New York on Thursday dismissed Exxon's lawsuit claiming officials in New York and Massachusetts conspired with environmental groups in planning the securities-fraud probe.

Barclays Wins Its DOJ Gamble With $2 Billion Mortgage Settlement

News

Two former executives at the bank also settled Thursday and agreed to pay $2 million to resolve claims without admitting wrongdoing.

An Indemnity Agreement Means What it Says

Insight

Parties can write an agreement to indemnify one another against claims they later assert against each other. To do so, the parties must expressly and specifically state that intention, writes Charles Sartain of Gray Reed.

Supreme Court Prepares for Right Turn

News

CNN reports that indications from the few decisions issued so far and from oral arguments in yet-to-be decided cases suggest the five conservatives on the nine-member bench may be ready to wield their majority power.